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1. Dr. Wolfgang SPARKER, 11 Via Scialparelli, Rome telephone 877.420, former Social Attaché of the German Embassy in Rome during the Nazi era, is now one of the principal collaborators of Giovanni AMENISE of the IEO chemical and pharmaceutical plant on Via Tiburtina, which produces Italian penicillin and which has been the subject of much discussion in the recent past. In the IEO firm SPARKER has the post of chief of foreign correspondence and is a particularly trusted subordinate of AMENISE.

2. There are few Germans in Rome who are surrounded by as much mystery as SPARKER. Allegedly SPARKER is that official of the German Embassy who, at the moment of the Faenza break-through during the war, with German Ambassador ROWN, arranged for the disposition of the treasury (liquid assets) of the German Command in Italy. The treasury reportedly consisted of some billions of lire and other valuables. Allegedly SPARKER was then administrator of the treasury, which was deposited under the most secret of banking transactions in a large Rome bank. SPARKER and a few Italian intermediaries are aware of the details, but questions raised in the Italian Parliament in Rome and in the press of Western Germany regarding the treasury have remained unanswered.

3. After the fall of the Third Reich, SPARKER took care not to return to Rome and entrusted the treasury of the Wehrmacht to a group of his Roman friends led by AMENISE. In fact, the banking institute of which AMENISE is the chief stockholder was involved. SPARKER, instead, went first to the Middle East, where he worked in 1948-1949 with the direction of the Damascus radio station, then to Cairo, and finally to Madrid with an errand entrusted to him by the Arab League of which he is a man of trust.

4. On his return to Rome, he resumed all of his old contacts and added a few new ones, especially those with neo-Fascist elements formerly loyal to Germany and Nazism. He has many friends in the MSI and related organizations with whom he dreams of a resurgence of "International Fascism". He often receives friends from Germany who formerly belonged to the Nazi structure and now belong to various groups of neo-Fascist tendency. He also has relations with exponents of Upper Adige Irredentists.

5. Reportedly the opinion is held in the milieu of the Embassy of the Federal German Republic that SPARKER is aware of the location of the treasury and that he is also using a good part of it to finance the Fascist and Nazi movements in Italy under cover of the IEO firm of AMENISE.

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